

DE LA CHAPELLE CHIMNEY HOUSE.

Ottawa's Good Fortune.—Mr. De La Chapelle is at his labors.—The La Bastie Process.—M. De La Bastie.

In the vernacular of a staid old New Englander, "there he great goings on" in that portion of the city known as "Smoky town." From the beginning of autumn until the weather in June grows too warm to work, all the northwest end of our city is black with the smoke that goes up from the furnaces, few though they be, that bless Ottawa by bringing to the city many workmen to consume what we have to sell, and to make wares that are sold in every part of the country.

The glass industries of this city are slowly but steadily increasing in importance, and Ottawa is rapidly becoming known to outside places as a manufacturing centre for bottles, window lights and lamp chimneys. There is no reason why these branches of industry should not still more increase. Here are all the facilities for cheaply manufacturing and putting upon the markets of the country every article of ordinary use that can be made from glass. On every side is to be found the white glass which can be had for the digging and cost of hauling. The competition between the coal interests of La Salle and Streator is so sharp that it is between the two mining centres of our county, Ottawa manufactures are furnished with the best quality of lump coal and slack at the cheapest rates. With two great competing railway lines passing through the city, the rates of transportation are necessarily low, and every point to which goods are to be shipped, or from which goods are to be received, is easily accessible. Outside of the facilities afforded by rail, there is still cheaper transportation afforded by the canal, and though perhaps for general merchandise not available, yet for bulky goods, where speed in delivery is not necessary, transportation by canal is a saving and a benefit to great industries. Through the efforts made by the Ottawa Window Glass Company and the Ottawa Bottle and Flint Glass Company and the excellency of the wares manufactured by them, the third and perhaps the largest of our glass industries was attracted to our city and made a part of what every citizen of Ottawa trusts is but the nucleus of a really great glass centre.

The La Bastie process of making lamp chimneys in the United States and Canada is now the exclusive property of a citizen of Ottawa, and the manufacturing of them to the number of twenty thousand down each week goes on in the factory at "Smoky town." Despite strikes and bad weather, for almost fifty weeks out of every year—giving steady and profitable employment to two hundred men, women, boys and girls—working in every capacity from the blower who gives form to the chimney to the girl in the packing house who places upon it the trade mark of the La Bastie Glass and wraps it in the labelled paper of E. De la Chapelle & Co., ready to be packed in straw for shipment. From the general store house every day is shipped north, south, east and west these chimneys, and though the furnaces are run to their full extent there is never too great a supply on hand to meet the demands of the market. All this goes on heedless of tariff agitation, and senatorial obstruction at Washington, for the process is a patent one and the tariff laws affect it little, whilst the men employed in the works are mostly democrats and the arguments of the "Vermont Senator" are regarded by them with little of respect and nothing of favor. Many of the blowers came from Brooklyn where they learned through the influences pervading the circles presided over by McLaughlin to feel that it was a better thing to be a democrat than a republican. Fortunately for the democracy of this city and county they cling to their Brooklyn ideas as regards democracy and republicanism, and are not less strong in the faith than they were when they took their last trip over the big bridge at the "City of Churches."

At the head of the La Bastie Chimney Works of this city, as proprietor and director of them is E. De la Chapelle, who, without solicitation on the part of the citizens of Ottawa, located his works here, because after prospecting for some time he felt assured that Ottawa presented more and better facilities for the manufacturing of his wares than any of the neighboring cities, and that it was more profitable for himself to have his furnaces here than in Brooklyn, where they formerly were, and better for his men. The change from Brooklyn to Ottawa was a very fortunate thing for Ottawa, if not for Brooklyn, for it has given an increase in the city's population of several hundred people, and added greatly to the amount of money each week in circulation amongst us. It has given to "Smoky town" a new brick building measuring one hundred by two hundred feet, besides a number of buildings appurtenant to the main one, and left that smoke begrimed part of Ottawa without a vacant tenement house.

M. De la Chapelle is a Frenchman who came to Brooklyn ten years ago and began the manufacture of La Bastie chimneys, having first obtained the right to do so in the United States and Canada. He is thoroughly a business man, active and keen in his business transactions, understanding exactly how to handle those in his employ. He has all the characteristics of a French financier. Prior to the Franco-Prussian war he had resided near Lyons, engaging in fancy farming. At the outbreak of the war he volunteered his services to the Emperor and was made colonel of a battery of about twelve hundred men. Reaching Paris before the Prussian army had surrounded the city and entered upon its siege, he assisted in preparing for it, and when it was entered upon

passed through it all. For services rendered by him he was complimented by being made a Knight of the Legion of Honor. The knowledge of discipline gained by him in his command of the troops under him is evidently proving of benefit in his business transactions, for among the men at labor for him there exists the utmost business discipline and perfection of detail. Without knowledge of, or experience in the management of a factory, either for chimney glass or any other kind, M. De la Chapelle can well congratulate himself upon the success that has come to him during the past ten years in the enterprise that he is now engaged in.

The particular benefit of the La Bastie process of manufacturing chimneys arises from the peculiar way of annealing the chimney after it is blown. The chimney, as far as the ingredients going into it, is the same as the ordinary chimney, and it is blown in the same way, only the blower adds a little more glass which gives to the chimney a greater weight. The effect of the annealing is to make the chimney stronger in resisting heat and less liable to break when dropped or thrown upon the floor. It is no wise effects the transparency of the glass and with the exception of the weight, the La Bastie chimney is not unlike in appearance any chimney blown in the numerous chimney houses of the country. The value secured to it by the process adds but a trifle to its price, and as a result there is each year an increase in the market demand for it, resulting in a crowding out of the ordinary chimney ware, and in the closing up of some of the smaller chimney houses.

The La Bastie process originated and was patented in France, England, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Russia, Portugal and the United States in 1874 and 1875, by A. de La Bastie, a friend and former neighbor of M. de la Chapelle. It resulted from a series of experiments extended through a number of years by M. De la Bastie, who employed his time in scientific and chemical researches. It was brought about more as a result of experiments made by him for purposes of pleasure rather than of profit, but under the management of M. De la Chapelle it has been made a thing of great commercial value. Not the least curious matter connected with it is that those who have attempted the manufacture of chimneys under the La Bastie process in France have not been in the least successful, whilst here, M. De la Chapelle has been eminently so. Before he had more than fully commenced operations in this country, the American Institute at New York, in 1877, awarded to the work done by him through the Frenchman's process, a medal, and since that time it has been frequently complimented. Here and there have been imitations of the La Bastie chimney, but thus far they have not been of such a character as to deceive the public, at least the spurious article has never yet been able to involve the manufacturers into a law suit. The most notable attempt to deceive the public was that of a company that put upon the market a chimney labelled the Albaster Chimney, but the fraud designed to be played upon the people by the similarity of the name was readily detected.

To one who has never witnessed the blowing of chimneys and the peculiar process employed in the making of the La Bastie chimneys, the trip to the factory is well worth making. It is the busiest place in the town. Go into the factory and no one is idling away time, from the smallest boy who carries water, to the biggest blower who causes shape and symmetry to come from the molten shapeless glass on the end of his blow pipe. No one is to be seen who is not only active, but energetically so. As the business of the factory increases and the demand for La Bastie goods grows, the factory will be enlarged and the number of men employed in it greater. In chimneys, at least, if in nothing else, Ottawa bids fair to lead the other glass cities of the United States.

The Board of Supervisors of La Salle county, at its late meeting, passed a resolution endorsing the candidacy of Hon. James W. Duncan, of that county, for the position of district attorney for the northern district of Illinois. We believe Mr. Duncan has no opponent for the position outside of Chicago, and when the President concludes to make the change his claims will doubtless be considered. Mr. Duncan is one of the foremost lawyers of Illinois, a man of unimpeachable character, and a democrat who never wavered in the support of the party and its principles. His appointment would be a popular one.—*Journal Signal.*

The Chicago Tribune has inaugurated the war of cheap newspapers publishing among the great cities of that city. The price now fixed for the daily, except Sunday's is three cents. Some years ago the New York papers adopted reduced rates without lessening the amount of their profits.

Great things have ever hinged on trifles. The first family difficulty on record was caused by an apple core; the last we heard of was the negligence of a father to keep up the supply of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup when all hands had a cold.

The J. F. Glidden Publishing Company, of DeKalb, through the columns of the DeKalb Chronicle and The Tie Gatherer, are doing some very effective tariff reform work. If the people of this country would read with care and consideration such articles as have recently appeared in these papers there would be less general ignorance upon the subject of the tariff, and less willingness on the part of the people to longer keep up the force of an attempt to acquire riches through the medium of excessive, uncalled for and unwise taxation.

The body of Miss Florence Ruger, daughter of Senator Ruger, of Chicago, was found floating in the Chicago river on Monday. Miss Ruger, it will be remembered, disappeared suddenly last fall, and no trace was ever had of her until she was found drowned.

From Waltham.

WALTHAM, March 24th.—Spring opened with quite a heavy shower of rain in this vicinity on Saturday last.

Hedge-cutting is all the rage nowadays. George Piercy was seen on the streets of Utica last Saturday, exercising his trotters (G. says he is ready to try them with any one now).

Pete Hanley purchased three Jersey calves at the sale of Dan Tosaw's. He got quite a bargain in one of them, if Barnum calls around.

Mrs. J. Harnen is speedily recovering from her perilous illness.

Anil Aubrey, we understand, is erecting an addition to his house.

John Graham, who left for Atchison, Kan., a few weeks ago, we understand, will remain there for the season. John has many friends who regret his departure.

Dennie Hanley tries to dance the hop polka now.

Byron.

Beware of Violent Purgatives.

Take Simmons Liver Regulator in small doses until you find just how much will suit your case. It can be taken with perfect safety by the oldest person or the youngest child, and all those whose systems have become debilitated. Mothers may give it to their children with the utmost confidence in its safety and efficacy.

"I have never seen or tried such a simple, efficacious, satisfactory and pleasant remedy in my life as Simmons Liver Regulator."—H. HARNER, St. Louis, Mo.

The Cigar Maker Union, of this city, have published an address calling attention to the fact that many of the consumers of cigars in this city seem to prefer to buy cigars made in the tenement houses of New York rather than patronize our local cigar industries. Of course those who purchase cigars have a right to buy them wherever they care to; but it would seem the part of wisdom to purchase of home manufacturers rather than from outside ones, especially as the home industries furnish cigars as cheaply and of as good quality as outside competing parties.

All that can be supplied towards making the natural hair beautiful and abundant is contained in Ayer's Hair Vigor. It keeps the scalp free from dandruff, prevents the hair from becoming dry and harsh, and makes it flexible and glossy. It stimulates the roots to healthy action and promotes a healthy, vigorous growth.

The grocery stores of Henry Wechter, Louis Stelzel and Spencer Phelps, at Earlville, were recently burglarized, but nothing of value taken from them.

"I have no appetite," complains many a sufferer. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives an appetite and enables the stomach to perform its duty.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

LETTERS REMAINING UNCLAIMED in the Post Office at Ottawa, State of Illinois, on Thursday, MARCH 25, 1886.

Carmichael, George; Katie; Dolan Frank; Duxia Chas; Graham, Geo; Goodwin, J. J; Gutz, John; Heerhold, A; Hoffman, Ira; Kestey, Katie Mrs; Johnson, Will R; Louke, Friedrich; Martin, Chas; Miller, Alice Mrs; Nagle, Morris; Peterson, Myrtle; Sweeney, Blanche Mrs; Davis, August; Smith, A. P. and 123; Van Osdell, Edw. W; Welch, Ann; Wolcott, J. H.; Wynne, Joe.

To obtain these letters, the applicant must call for "Advertised Letters," and give the date of the list; and if not called for within one month, they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, in Washington.

WILLIAM OSMAN, P. M.

Annual Town Meeting AND ELECTION.

The Legal Voters of the Town of South Ottawa are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting and Election of Officers for the ensuing year will be held, as by law provided, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6th, A. D. 1886. The entire Town of Ottawa (including the city, except the lot word), constitutes but one election precinct. The only voting place will be at THE OFFICE OF ARTHUR LOCKWOOD, Esq., between Madison and Jefferson streets, on Cottage street. The officers to be elected will be:

- A Town Supervisor,
- Two Assistant Supervisors,
- An Assessor,
- A Collector,
- A Town Clerk,
- A Commissioner of Highways.

The polls will be open at the hour of 8 o'clock, a. m. and close at 7 o'clock, p. m.; but the voting will be interrupted during the transaction of town meeting business, which will be at 2 o'clock, p. m.

OTAWA, La Salle county, Ill., March 22, 1886.

J. G. ARMSTRONG, Town Clerk.

B. F. LINCOLN.

Attorney at Law.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, LA SALLE COUNTY. In the Court of the said County, ss. I, B. F. LINCOLN, Clerk of the said County, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of the said County, held at their regular meeting on the 19th day of March, 1886, in and for the said County, to-wit: That the said Board of Supervisors, at their regular meeting on the 19th day of March, 1886, did pass and approve the following resolution, to-wit: That the said Board of Supervisors do hereby resolve, that the said County of La Salle, Illinois, be and it is the duty of the said Board of Supervisors to cause to be published in the said County, a notice to the effect that the said County of La Salle, Illinois, is indebted to the said State of Illinois, in the sum of \$2,000,000, and that the said Board of Supervisors do hereby resolve, that the said County of La Salle, Illinois, be and it is the duty of the said Board of Supervisors to cause to be published in the said County, a notice to the effect that the said County of La 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